

REMARKS

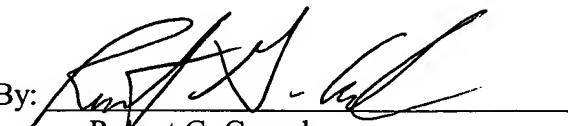
This Amendment and Response is believed to be responsive to the Office Action mailed March 19, 2004. In that action: claims 1-17 were pending; claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 12, and 14 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. Section 103(a) as being unpatentable over Dickey, et al. (USPN 5,821,405) in view of Sunshine (USPN 6,658,915); claims 2 and 3 were rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dickey, et al., as modified by Sunshine, et al. and applied to claim 1 above in further view of Palfenier, et al. (USPN 6,359,430); claims 8, 10, 11, and 15 were rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Dickey, et al., as modified by Sunshine, et al. and applied to claims 5, 9, and 1 above and further in view of DataSonde 4a/Brochure entitled New Series 4a Water Quality Instruments from Hydrolab.

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-12, and 14-15 are now cancelled, along with previously cancelled claims 18-43. Thus, the only claims still pending in this application are claims 4, 7, 13, 16, and 17. Claims 4, 7, 13, and 16 have been amended into independent form.

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecution and/or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

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